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# **BALI HOSTS APEC MEET**

BALI, Indonesia (AP) —

#### **ELAINE KURTENBACH AP Business Writer**

Fighting protectionism and pushing through difficult reforms are critical to the global recovery as the world's biggest economies struggle with their own internal obstacles to growth, Asia-Pacific leaders gathered for an annual summit said Sunday.

With U.S. President Barack Obama bogged down in the domestic drama over



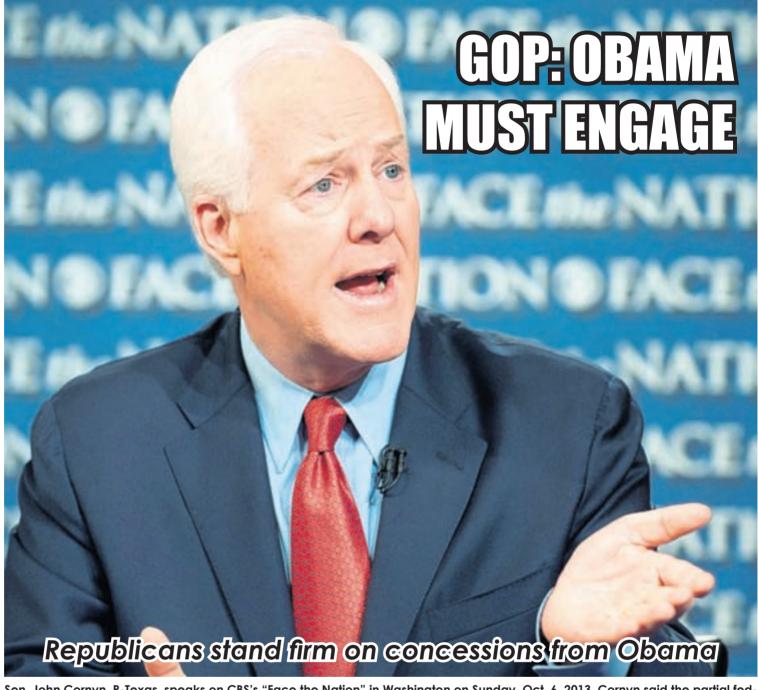
**Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono** prepares to deliver an opening address at the APEC CEO Summit in Bali, Indonesia, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013.

(AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

the national budget and government shutdown, national leaders at the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum were watching to see how the biggest economies fare. Obama canceled his trip to the APEC meeting on the Indonesian resort island of Bali because of the budget impasse.

"Obviously we prefer a U.S. government which is working to one which is not," said Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

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Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, speaks on CBS's "Face the Nation" in Washington on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013. Cornyn said the partial federal government shutdown cannot end without President Barack Obama sitting down with congressional Republicans."What he needs to do is to roll up his sleeves," Cornyn said. "We're not going to resolve this without the president engaging," he said. "So far, he's been AWOL," he added.

#### **JACKIE CALMES** © 2013 New York Times WASHINGTON -

House Speaker John A. Boehner stood his ground Sunday, insisting that his Republican House majority would not pass measures either to fund and reopen the entire enough to pass a spending federal government or to measure necessary to reincrease the nation's soonto-be-breached borrowing limit without concessions from President Barack Obama. "There are not the votes in the House to pass a clean CR," Boehner said on the ABC News program "This Week," referring to a continuing resolution that

would provide stopgap funding and end the government shutdown, now in its sixth day. Some Democrats and some moderate Republicans in the House have said that together their votes would be open the government with conditions attached, Boehner's remarks seemed to close the door on that possibility. Similarly, on the subject of the looming deadline for Congress to increase the debt limit by Oct. 17 to avert a firstever government default,

Boehner seemed to contradict news reports in recent days that he had told Republicans privately that he ultimately would allow a vote to prevent a breach of the debt limit. "We're not going to pass a clean debt limit increase," Boehner, R-Ohio, said. He added, "I told the president, there's no way we're going to pass one. The votes are not in the House to pass a clean debt limit. And the president is risking default by not having a conversation with us." Describing the dialogue he wanted with the president, Boehner seemed

#### (AP Photo/CBS News, Chris Usher)

to shift from demands that Obama agree to negotiations about defunding or delaying his signature health insurance law - a nonnegotiable condition, as the White House sees it - to calling once again for deficit-reduction talks aimed at reducing spending for fast-growing entitlement programs, chiefly Medicare and Medicaid. "I'm not going to raise the debt limit without a serious conversation about dealing with problems that are driving the debt up.

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# I've made mistakes, Assad tells German press

**BERLIN (AP)** — Syria's President Bashar Assad has conceded making mistakes and says no side in his country's civil war is entirely free of blame, according to an interview published Sunday by German magazine Der Spiegel.

The respected Hamburabased weekly reported that Assad acknowledged "personal mistakes by individuals," though the advance version of the interview released this weekend didn't elaborate on what those mistakes might

have been.

"We all make mistakes. Even a president makes mistakes." Der Spiegel guoted him as saying. Assad reportedly added that there were "gray tones" as far as the question of blame was concerned.

Assad, whose authoritarian rule prompted protests more than two years ago that evolved into a bloody civil war with over 100,000 dead, said he didn't believe in a negotiated peace with the rebels trying to oust him.

"According to my definition a political opposition isn't armed," he was quoted as saying.

In its announcement about the interview, Der Spiegel did not say when it took place or whether it was face to face.

The magazine reported that Assad had declared a willingness to call elections before his term ends in August, and that he hadn't yet decided whether to run for the presidency again.

"If I don't have the will of the people behind me then I won't run again," it quoted him as saying.

Asked about the Aug. 21 chemical weapons attack near Damascus that killed hundreds of people, Assad again denied his regime's involvement.

"The picture you're painting of me as someone who kills his own people is (false)," the magazine quoted him as saying.

Western officials, who say there is little doubt Assad's troops are to blame, "trust al-Qaida more than me," Assad reportedly said.

#### Drug flight down in Colombia, three **Americans killed**

#### **VIVIAN SEQUERA Associated Press** BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)

— The twin-engine turboprop plane that crashed in northern Colombia on a U.S. counter-drug mission, killing three American contractors and a Panamanian aboard, had been tracking a suspected smuggling vessel over the western Caribbean when it lost radio contact, the U.S. military said.

The two other Americans aboard the Dash 8 were seriously injured in Saturday's pre-dawn crash, the U.S. Southern Command said.

Under contract with the U.S. Air Force, the plain was a "prospector" aircraft, equipped with surveillance equipment and employed to track speedboats and other vessels that smuggle cocaine north from Co-Iombia, said Jody Draves, spokeswoman for the U.S.multinational sponsored task force in Key West, Florida, known as JIATF-South that runs interdiction in re-

Draves said the plane was operating in coordination with a Colombian surface vessel and had flown out of Panama. It was near that country's border that it crashed, near the city of Capurgana.

The two injured Americans were rescued by Colombian soldiers and taken to a hospital in the capital, Bogota, Southcom said in a statement.

The names of the Americans were withheld pending notification of next-ofkin. Panama's National Air Service identified the Panamanian deceased guardsman as Lt. Lloyd Nunez. Host-country nation service personnel routinely accompany U.S. military contractors on such missions.

Gen. Nicasio de Jesus commander Martinez, of the Colombian army's 4th Brigade whose troops traveled to the accident scene, ruled out the possibility that the plane was shot down by rebels active in Colombia.

# Asia-Pacific leaders seek ways to foster growth

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"It's a very big disappointment to us that President Obama is unable to visit." The 21 nations and territories that make up APEC range from tiny Brunei to the U.S. and China, the world's two biggest economies. They have great disparities in wealth and economic development but combined the grouping accounts for more than 3 billion people and over half of global GDP. A two-day CEOs conference is being held alongside APEC, resulting in an influx of private jets. Bali's governor Made Mangku Pastika said many are being budget battles, Europe's parked at other nearby Indonesian airports to avoid congestion on Bali.

lingering financial crisis, China's reform challenges as its breakneck expansion Lee pointed to the U.S. slows and Japan's effort to



Philippine's President Benigno Aquino III smiles as he was being introduced to the audience at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation CEO Summit in Bali, Indonesia, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013. (AP Photo/Wong Maye-E)

emerge from more than two decades of stagnation as key risks to global

"America has to continue to be engaged in this region, because it plays a very important role that no other country can replace. Not China. Not Japan. Not any other power," Lee said.

Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono urged the more than 1,200 business and political leaders in Bali to do more to counter the economic headwinds confronting developing countries by dismantling barriers trade and investment.

# Libya bristles at US raid that captured militant

#### **ESAM MOHAMED** TONY G. GABRIEL **Associated Press**

A suspected Libyan al-Qaida figure nabbed by U.S. Special Forces in a dramatic operation in Tripoli was living freely in his homeland for the past two years, after a trajectory that took him to Sudan, Afghanistan and Iran, where he had been detained for years, his family said Sunday. The Libyan target, a leading militant in raid, asking Washington to explain the "kidnapping." The swift Delta Force operation in the streets of the Libyan capital that seized the militant known as Abu Anas al-Libi was one of

two assaults Saturday that

showed an American determination to move directly against terror suspects even in two nations mired in chaos where the U.S. has suffered deadly humiliations in the past.

Hours before the Libya raid, a Navy SEAL team swam ashore in the East African nation of Somalia and engaged in a fierce firefight, though it did not capture its government bristled at the the al-Qaida-linked group that carried out the recent Kenyan mall siege.

> clear that the United States of America will never stop in the effort to hold those accountable who conduct acts of terror," U.S. Secre-

tary of State John Kerry said Sunday at an economic summit in Indonesia. "Members of al-Qaida and other terrorist organizations literally can run but they can't hide."

Nazih Abdul-Hamed al-Rugai, known by his alias Abu Anas al-Libi, was accused by the U.S. of involvement in the 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenva, which killed more than 220 people. He has been on the FBI's most "We hope that this makes wanted terrorists list since it was introduced shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001 attack, with a \$5 million bounty on his head.

U.S. officials depicted his

capture as a significant blow against al-Qaida, which has lost a string of key figures, including leader Osama bin Laden, killed in a 2011 raid in Pakistan.

However, it was unclear whether the 49-year-old al-Libi had a major role in the terror organization his alleged role in the 1998 attack was to scout one of the targeted embassies and there was no immediate word that he had been involved in militant activities in Libya. His family and former associates denied he was ever a member of al-Qaida and said he had not been engaged in any activities since coming home in 2011.



# US Supreme Court term begins with contentious topics

# MARK SHERMAN Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is beginning a new term with controversial topics that offer the court's conservative majority the chance to move aggressively to undo limits on campaign contributions, undermine claims of discrimination in housing and mortgage lending, and allow for more government-sanctioned prayer.

Assuming the government shutdown doesn't get in their way, the justices also will deal with a case that goes to the heart of the partisan impasse in Washington: whether and when the president may use recess appointments to fill key positions without Senate confirmation.

The court was unaffected for the first few days of the government shutdown and there was no expectation that arguments set for October would have to be rescheduled.

The new term that starts on Monday may be short on the sort of high-profile battles over health care and gay marriage that marked the past two years. But several cases ask the court to overrule prior decisions — bold action in an institution that relies on the power of precedent.

"There are an unusual number of cases going right to hot-button cultural issues and aggressive briefing on the conservative side asking precedents to be overruled," said Georgetown University law professor Pamela Harris, who served in President Barack Obama's Justice Department.

Paul Clement, a frequent advocate before the court and the top Supreme Court lawver under President George W. Bush, agreed that the opportunity exists for dramatic precedentbusting decisions. Clement said each case also offers the court "an off-ramp," a narrower outcome that may be more in keeping with Chief Justice John Roberts' stated desire for incremental decisionmaking that bridges the

court's ideological divide. There is a familiar ring to several cases the justices will take up. Campaign finance, affirmative action, legislative prayer and abortion clinic protests all are on the court's calendar. The justices also will hear for the second time the case of Carol Anne Bond, a woman who was convicted under an antiterrorism law for spreading deadly chemicals around the home of her husband's

mistress. The justices probably will decide in the fall whether to resolve competing lower court decisions about the new health care law's requirement that employer-sponsored health plans include coverage of contraceptives. An issue with a good chance to be heard involves the authority of police to search the contents of a cellphone found on someone they arrest. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg

said over the summer that the right to privacy in the digital age "is bound to come up in many forms" in the years ahead.

The court may hear its first abortion case since 2007, a review of an Oklahoma law that would restrict the use of certain abortion-inducing drugs such as RU-486. The campaign finance argument on Tuesday is the first major case on the calendar. The 5-4 decision in the Citizens United case

in 2010 allowed corporations and labor unions to spend unlimited sums in support of or opposition to candidates, as long as the spending is independent of the candidates.

The new case, McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission, is a challenge to the overall limits on what an individual may give to candidates, political parties and political action committees in a two-year federal election cycle, currently \$48,600 to candidates and \$123,600 in total. The \$2,600 limit on contributions to a candidate is not at issue. Since the Buckley v. Valeo decision in 1976, the court has looked more favorably on contribution limits than on spending restrictions because of the potential for corruption in large contributions. The big issue in the current case is whether the justices will be just as skeptical of limits on contributing as on spending. Three justices, Anthony Kennedy, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, have signaled their willingness to do so. It remains to be seen whether Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the other two members of the Citizens United majority, are willing to go along.



U.S. Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan, center right, talks with clergy after the Red Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013. The Supreme Court's new term starts tomorrow, Monday, Oct. 7.

(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

# Republicans stand firm on concessions from Obama

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It would be irresponsible of me to do this," Boehner said. Obama has said he would negotiate long-term reductions to entitlement programs, including Social Security, and he has proposed some steps, but he says he will support such actions only if Republicans agree to raise additional revenues by closing tax loopholes for wealthy individuals and some corporations. But Boehner ruled that out. "We're not raising taxes," he said.

Given the apparent impasse, the speaker was asked, "When is this going to end?"

"If I knew, I would tell you,"

he said.

On the immediate issue of the budget impasse that has shuttered much of the government, Boehner acknowledged that in July he had gone to the Senate majority leader, Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and offered to have the House pass a "clean" spending measure. That proposal would have set spending levels \$70 billion below what Democrats wanted but would have had no controversial add-ons related to the health care law.

Democrats accepted, but now they say Boehner reneged when a faction of conservative House Republicans rejected the strategy as capitulation on the health insurance program.

The speaker explained, "I and my members decided the threat of Obamacare and what was happening was so important that it was time for us to take a stand. And we took a stand."

"I thought the fight would be over the debt ceiling," Boehner said. "But you know, working with my members, they decided, well, let's do it now. And the fact is, this fight was going to come, one way or the other. We're in the fight."

For the Obama administration, the Treasury secretary, Jacob J. Lew, as the president's chief financial officer, appeared on four television shows Sunday

to keep the pressure on House Republicans to pass a measure to raise the nation's borrowing limit.

Lew, speaking on the CNN program "State of the Union," emphatically reiterated the administration's legal opinion that Obama cannot constitutionally raise the debt ceiling by himself if Congress fails to act

"There is no option that prevents us from being in default if we're not paying our bills," Lew said, rejecting the idea that the president could invoke a constitutional power or take some other action to avert economic chaos if the country breached its debt limit for the first time in history.





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# Rallies nationwide in support of immigration overhaul

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Thousands of supporters of an immigration overhaul held rallies over the weekend at more than 150 sites in 40 states, trying to pressure Congress, despite the partisan turmoil in Washington, to focus on passing a pathway to citizenship for millions of immigrants living here illegally.

Hoping to display the wide reach of their movement.



Demonstrators during a rally for immigration reform in Minneapolis. Thousands of supporters of an immigration overhaul gathered this weekend for rallies in more than 130 locations around the country, trying to pressure Congress to focus on passing a pathway to citizenship for millions of undocumented immigrants.

(Jenn Ackerman/The New York Times)

advocates held larger rallies in immigrant strongholds like Los Angeles, San Diego and Boston, with smaller demonstrations in places where immigrant groups have grown up recently, including Omaha, Neb.; Little Rock, Ark.; and Yakima, Wash. Organizers described the events, and a large rally they have planned for Tuesday on the National Mall in Washington, as their major show of force this year. On what they were calling a "National Day of Immigrant Dignity and Respect," supporters said they expected as many as 100,000 people nationwide. In California, protests and vigils were held in 21 cities. In San Diego, several thousand people gathered in Balboa Park on the edge of

downtown, shouting "Si se puede" ("Yes we can" in Spanish).

Ana Nuñez, 30, a student, said she had been living in the United States since 1989 without documents but recently received a temporary deportation deferral. She said that she had not seen her ailing grandparents since leaving Mexico and that she hoped for permanent legal status so she could travel to see them.

"I want to physically feel them," Nuñez said, holding a yellow sign reading "Citizenship for 11 million #timeisnow."

Gloria Morales, 45, said she came from Mexico but became an American citizen in 2000. She said she was demonstrating to support other immigrants.





# Obama urges patience with insurance exchanges



President Barack Obama smiles during an exclusive interview with The Associated Press in the White House library in Washington. The start of sign-ups for the insurance markets at the center of the health care overhaul Obama signed into law during his first term were a main topic of the interview. Government websites struggled in the first week to keep up with high demand for the new marketplaces. It's not clear that more than a few managed to enroll the first day.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

As for the problems that frustrated many of the millions who have visited the websites, Obama said help was on the way. "Folks are working around the clock and have been systematically reducing the wait times," he said.

With the health care law at the center of the continuing budget dispute between the White House and the Republican-led House, Obama reiterated that he would negotiate with Republican leaders only once they agreed to finance the government and increase the nation's borrowing limit, which will be reached Oct. 17.

Referring to Speaker John A. Boehner, Obama said: "What I've said to him is we are happy to negotiate on anything.

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Obama, in an interview with The Associated Press released Saturday, said he did not have any figures to counter scattered reports that just a very small number of people have succeeded in signing up for insurance coverage since state and federal websites began enrollment Tuesday for the so-called insurance exchanges. Those are a central part of Obama's health care law, which was passed in 2010 to extend coverage to those who do not get insurance benefits on the job.

People "definitely shouldn't give up," Obama said. Citing the slow start to a similar program for Massachusetts residents several years ago, the president predicted that when the six-month window for enrollment ends in March, "we are going to probably exceed what anybody expected in terms of the amount of in-

terest that people had."

House Republicans - who forced a shutdown of the federal government, which also started Tuesday, by demanding that the health care law be defunded or delayed as a condition for their approving financing for the government in the new fiscal year - were quick to jump on the snags as validation of their opposition to the program.

Yet Obama and other Democrats have countered that public demand caused technical problems with the new state and federal websites, evidence of the popularity of what the health care program has to offer.

"The interest way exceeded expectations, and that's the good news," Obama said in the interview. "It shows that people really need and want affordable health care" from insurers that have bid to compete in the insurance exchanges.





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# Top Mormon leader acknowledges church 'made mistakes'

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One of the top leaders in the Mormon Church acknowledged in an address to the church's global membership Saturday that past leaders "made mistakes" that had caused some Mormons to have doubts, an admission that amounts to a significant change in tone in the leadership's approach to Mormons who question, dissent or defect from the church. "We respect those who honestly search for truth," President Dieter F. Uchtdorf. second counselor in the church's top governing body, the first presidency, said in the speech.

The church has in the past excommunicated prominent scholars and even low-profile members who

publicly voiced doubts about its history or theology, and many Mormons who have lost their faith have been shunned by friends and family. But recently, with some Mormons taking to the Internet to share their doubts, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which claims 15 million members, have been confronted with a bigger problem they could no longer ignore. "We openly acknowledge that in nearly 200 years of church history - along with an uninterrupted line of inspired, honorable and divine events - there have been some things said and done that could cause people question," Uchtdorf said, speaking to 20,000 Mormons gathered for the

183rd semiannual general conference in Salt Lake City, and millions more watching telecasts and over the Internet. On Saturday evening, about 200 women, according to The Associated Press, staged a demonstration outside to protest the church's maleonly priesthood, demanding entrance to a men'sonly priesthood meeting. Uchtdorf did not specify

what leaders or mistakes he was referring to.

But he said, "To be perfectly frank, there have been times when members or leaders in the church have simply made mistakes. There may have been things said or done that were not in harmony with our values, principles or doctrine." He said it was wrong for other Mormons



President Dieter F. Uchtdorf and his wife Harriet at the opening session of the two-day Mormon church conference Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, in Salt Lake City. (AP Photo/Rick Bowmer)

Yale searches for stinker

adding feces to dryers

to assume that those with doubts, "have been offended or lazy or sinful." He said the church "honpersonal agency," and that the church's first prophet, Joseph Smith, "had questions and sought

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cut (AP) — Yale University

hopes to solve a case of

whodungit by identifying

the stinker who has been

soiling students' laundry by

sticking human feces in-

The culprit has been

dubbed the "poopetrator"

and is being blamed for at

least four incidents in the

past month in the laundry room at Saybrook College.

"We have asked our stu-

dents not to leave their

laundry unattended, the

affected machines have

been thoroughly disinfect-

ed and we are actively seeking information about

who the perpetrator might

be," Saybrook Master Paul

Hudak told the Yale Daily News. "That's about all we

side clothes dryers.

answers." Scott Gordon, president of FAIRMormon, a group that defends the church, said: "I believe this is the clearest statement made in recent times that church leaders have made mistakes in the past.



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school also are considering changes to laundry room access.

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Lucy Fleming was one of the first victims. She opened a dryer in the Saybrook College laundry room on Sept. 7 and found her clothes soiled by human feces. Someone also had urinated on them. She tried to rewash them, but they were ruined.

"I simultaneously wanted to throw up, cry and punch someone," Fleming told the Daily News.

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## Egypt:

# 44 killed as street violence mars major holiday

HAMZA HENDAWI The Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Clashes erupted on Sunday across much of Egypt between security forces and supporters of the ousted president, leaving 44 killed, as rival crowds of supporters of the military and backers of the Islamist Mohammed Morsi it deposed poured into streets around the country to mark a major holiday. The capital, Cairo, saw multiple scenes of mayhem as street battles raged for hours in some neighborhoods, with Morsi supporters firing birdshot and throwing firebombs at police who responded with gunshots and tear gas.

In some cases, pro-military crowds set upon supporters of the former president, with the two sides pelting each other with rocks. By late evening, several parts of the city resembled combat zones, with fires burning, black smoke rising and the crack of gunfire piercing the air, thick with tear gas. Streets were strewn with debris. An Associated Press photographer saw

nine bodies lying on the floor of a clinic in the Cairo district of Dokki, scene of some of the heaviest clashes. Most of the bodies had gunshot wounds to the head or chest.

injured. The Interior Ministry, which is in charge of the police, said 423 Morsi supporters were detained across the nation.

The clashes took place on the 40th anniversary of the

armed forces, whose chief ousted Morsi in a popularly supported coup on July 3. The clashes were the last chapter in the turmoil roiling the country since the ouster in February 2011



Egyptian security forces and civilians detain a supporter of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi near Ramsis Square, Cairo, Egypt.

(AP Photo/Sabry Khaled, El-Shorouk Newspaper)

The Health Ministry reported 40 people killed in Cairo and four others killed in provinces south of cairo, with more than 240 people

start of the 1973 Mideast war with Israel, a holiday the military-backed government had wanted to use to pay tribute to the

of longtime ruler Hosni lawlessness have

## 1 German killed, 1 UN employee taken in Yemen

AHMED AL-HAJ **Associated Press** 

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Unknown gunmen killed a German embassy guard Sunday in an attack on a diplomatic vehicle in the Yemeni capital, a security official said.

The two gunmen tried to kidnap the German citizen as he left a supermarket in Sanaa, killing him when he resisted before fleeing in a car, the official added.

In a separate incident, armed tribesmen abducted a UNICEF employee in a northwestern suburb of Sanaa, other security officials said. They said the employee for the U.N. agency, a Sierra Leone national, was in his car with a Yemeni driver when they came under attack. Armed assailants pushed the driver out of the vehicle and sped away in the car with the UNICEF employee onboard, the officials added. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief reporters.

Abductions are frequent in Yemen, an impoverished nation where armed tribesmen and al-Qaida-linked militants take hostages in an effort to swap them for prisoners or cash.

Mubarak and are certain to set back efforts by the government to revive the economy, especially the vital tourism sector, and bring order to the streets of Cairo, where crime and been rife.



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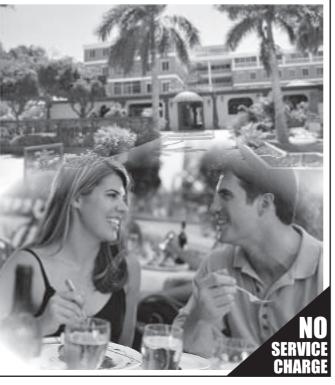
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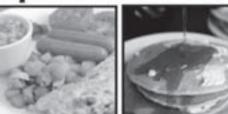
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# Iran arrests 4 suspects on alleged nuclear sabotage

**NASSER KARIMI Associated Press TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iran's

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu wanted to "blackmail the world" and

Talks over Iran's nuclear program are scheduled to resume next week in Geneva amid hopes of new proposals on all sides after the exchanges between Iran and the U.S. during the recent U.N. General Assembly gathering, which included a phone conversation between President Barack Obama and Iran's new president, Hassan Rouhani. It was the highestlevel dialogue between the countries since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Iran is urging the U.S. to ease sanctions in exchange for nuclear concession. But Iran has not publicly specified what measures it could take to satisfy Western concerns that its nuclear work could one day produce atomic weapons. Iran insists it only seeks reactors for energy and medical use such as

cancer treatment.

Salehi also noted that Iran has upgraded its protective measures against cyberattacks that have "continued" over the past years.

In 2010, the powerful Stuxnet virus targeted Iran's nuclear facilities and other industrial sites, and Tehran has acknowledged the malicious software affected a limited number of centrifuges — a key component in nuclear fuel production. But Iran has said its scientists discovered and neutralized the malware before it could cause serious damage.

Iran periodically announces the arrest of suspects charged with espionage or attempts to sabotage its nuclear facilities.



Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, center, attends a graduation ceremony of army cadets accompanied by top military commanders, in Tehran, Iran. Iran's nuclear chief said Sunday that authorities arrested four workers in an alleged sabotage plot involving one of the country's nuclear facilities, hinting that authorities were looking at suspected international links such as Israel. (AP Photo/Office of the Iranian Supreme Leader)

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The reports quoting Ali Akbar Salehi did not give further details or name any specific countries in possible connection to the investigation. But his reference to probes into "hostile" nations suggested Iran could point the finger at Israel — which is already blamed by Iran for a series of targeted slayings of nuclear scientists over the past four years.

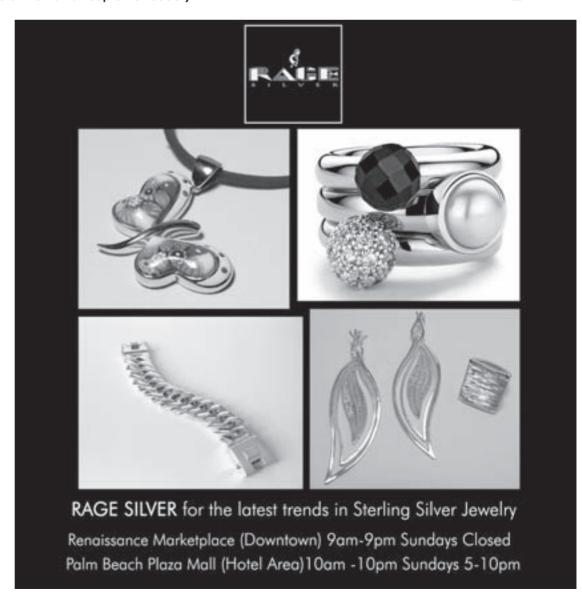
Iran also has claimed possible U.S. links to past attacks on its nuclear program, but Salehi said the latest alleged plot could be tied to those opposing Tehran's recent groundbreaking outreach to Washington. On Saturday, Iran's foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, said

block potential progress in nuclear talks with the U.S. and other world powers.

Salehi, who was quoted by the semiofficial Fars news agency, gave no further details on the alleged plot or the possible target, but said authorities had monitored the suspects and made the arrests at "exactly the right time." Later, Salehi told state TV that authorities had foiled "several cases" of similar sabotage attempts in the past "two or three weeks." He also did not elaborate.

"Hostile countries are not interested in finding way out of current situation and they are trying to block agreement on the nuclear case though acts of sabotage," Fars quoted Salehi as saying.

In Iranian official terminology, hostile countries are usually a reference to Israel and the United States. But the attempts at historic diplomacy suggested with Washington suggested the term was aimed at Israel.







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# Mexican monster truck wreck kills 8, hurts dozens

#### **RICARDO CHAVEZ Associated Press** CHIHUAHUA, Mexico (AP)

- An out-of-control monster truck shot into a crowd of spectators at a Mexican air show, killing eight people and hurting 79 others, officials said. The driver was detained Sunday on suspicion of manslaughter and officials said they were investigating possible safety violations in the setup of the show.

Carlos Gonzalez, spokesman for the Chihuahua prosecutors' fice, said driver Francisco Velazquez appeared to have lost control of the truck after leaping over cars it was crushing during a demonstration at the "Extreme Aeroshow" on Saturday.

Video taken from the

stands by spectator Krizthall Martinez and provided to The Associated Press shows the truck making an initial pass over two cars, then making a second pass at higher speed, coming down sharply nose-first and bouncing violently before piling straight into the crowd, which stood directly in the path of the monster truck, unprotected by any wall or barrier.

Chihuahua Gov. Cesar Duarte Juarez said his administration, which was listed as a sponsor of the air show, was investigating whether Civil Protection authorities had correctly enforced safety regulations. He and other officials didn't say if those regulations required any protective barrier for spectators.

Some witnesses said the



People run as an out of control monster truck plows through a crowd of spectators at a Mexican air show in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico, Saturday Oct. 5, 2013. According to authorities, at least 8 people were killed and 80 were injured. (AP Photo/El Diario de Chihuahua)

driver appeared to have hit his head on the interior of the truck, which is nicknamed "Big Show," as he drove over the old cars. At least two reporting seeing the driver's helmet come off before the massive vehicle drove into the crowd of terrified spectators, who tried to flee.

"I fell over, and when I turned around I saw the tire very close. It hit me

and threw me to the other side," Jesus Manuel Ibarra, 41, said as he was treated for injuries to his arm and hip. Chihuahua Mayor Marco Quezada said 79 people had been hurt, 12 of whom remained in intensive care, with four in critical condition.

The Chihuahua governor declared three days of mourning.

Gonzalez said prosecu-

tors were looking into the possibility of a mechanical failure that left Velazquez unable to release the gas pedal. Several witnesses said, however, that the driver appeared to have become incapacitated when he struck his head during the show, in which the truck drives at high speed over smaller cars, leaping into the air as it crushes their roofs.



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# **Argentina:**

## Blood on brain, rest ordered for leader Fernandez

**MICHAEL WARREN Associated Press** 

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina** (AP) — Doctors ordered a month's rest for Argentina's president on Saturday after they found blood on her brain due to a head injury. President Cristina Fernandez's spokesman said she had suffered a previously undisclosed "skull trauma" on Aug. 12. No details about this injury were officially released Saturday night. Spokesman Alfredo Scoccimarro read a statement signed by the president's doctors saying they

did a CAT scan of her brain after the August head injury and found nothing wrong, and that afterward she suffered no symptoms. But he said problems surfaced Saturday after Fernandez, 60, went to a hospital for checks on an irregular heartbeat. Because she was suffering headaches, they looked at her skull again, too, and found a subdural hematoma. That means bleeding between the brain and the skull. The statement defined it as "chronic" and not "acute," which sug-

gests that it has been slowly building.

"The president had a cardiovascular study done in the Fundacion Favaloro and given that she had head pain, they did neurological studies, diagnosing a 'chronic subdural collection' (bleeding on the brain), and they ordered her to rest for a month," said the statement, which was signed by the president's doctors. The statement added that her doctors will keep close watch on how the bleeding evolves using imaging technology.



# Experts begin dismantling Syrian chemical program

# RYAN LUCAS Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — International disarmament experts on Sunday began dismantling and destroying Syria's chemical weapons arsenal and the equipment used to produce it, taking the first concrete step in their colossal task of eliminating the country's chemical stockpile by mid-2014, an official said.

The inspectors from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons have about nine months to purge President Bashar Assad's regime of its chemical program. The mission, endorsed by the U.N. Security Council, faces the tightest deadline in the watchdog group's history and must simultaneously navigate Syria's bloody civil war.

Sunday marked the fifth day that an advance team of around 20 inspectors have been in the country and the first day that involved actually disabling and destroying weapons and machinery, an official on the joint OPCW-U.N.

nymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The Syrians are responsible for the actual physical demolition of the materials,



A convoy of UN weapons inspectors move through Syria. B International disarmament experts began dismantling and destroying Syria's chemical weapons arsenal and the equipment used to produce it Sunday, October 06, 2013.

(AP Photo/Bilal Hussein)

mission said.

The production equipment included filling and mixing machinery, some of it mobile, said the official, who spoke on condition of ano-

while OPCW inspectors monitor the process and verify what is being destroyed, the official said. He declined to provide details or say where the work took place.

This is just the beginning of a complicated process to eliminate Syria's estimated 1,000-ton chemical weapons stockpile and the facilities that created it. Damascus developed its chemical program in the 1980s and 1990s, building an arsenal that is believed to contain mustard gas and the nerve agents sarin VX and tabun.

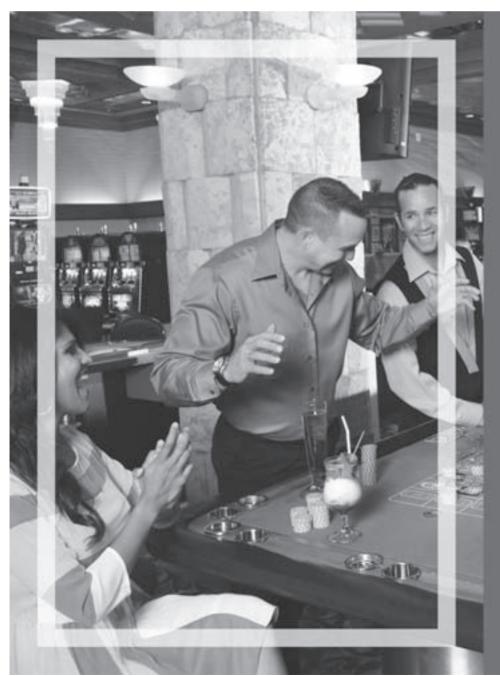
The production and storage facilities are understood to be scattered around the country.

The OPCW-U.N. advance team arrived last week to lay the foundations for a broader operation of nearly 100 inspectors. Those already in Syria have been double-checking the Assad regime's initial disclosure of what weapons and chemical precursors it has and where they are located.

Members of the team are planning visits to every lo-

cation where chemicals or weapons are stored from trucks loaded with munitions up to full-on production sites.

Inspectors can use any means to destroy equipment, including crude techniques like taking sledgehammers to control panels or driving tanks over empty vats. But the second phase — destroying battleready weapons — is more difficult, time-consuming and expensive. It can be done by incinerating materials in sealed furnaces at ultra-high temperatures or by transforming precursor chemicals or diluting them with water. It's an arduous task in the best of times, and Syria offers anything but an easy work environment. The civil war has laid waste to the country's cities, shattered its economy, killed around 100,000 people and driven more than 2 million people to seek shelter abroad.



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# As developed countries improve, the BRICs stumble

# BERNARD CONDON AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The developing countries of Brazil, Russia, India and China recovered quickly from the financial crisis five years ago. Their spending helped keep a global recession from becoming a global depression.

Now they're stumbling.

Indians are buying fewer cars for the first time in a decade. Chinese are struggling as economic growth slows to a two-decade low. Even big-spending Brazilians, who like to buy everything from shoes to dental work on credit, are turning thrifty — and angry. Hundreds of thousands took to the streets in June to protest rising prices and shoddy public services.

The timing is unfortunate. The economies of the United States, Europe and Japan have gained some momentum in recent months. It seemed that both developed and developing countries would finally be strengthening together as they did before the crisis.

Now, hopes for a healthier worldwide economy have been dashed.

The reasons for the slow-down in the BRICs, as the four biggest developing countries are known, are myriad, from a pullback in bank lending in China to crumbling infrastructure and rampant corruption in India. One constant: The cost of living is rising fast, sapping spending power and the spirits of even those who've done well since the crisis.

Wang Yonghui, a hotel worker in Shijiazhuang, China, bought an apartment in 2006 that has almost doubled in value. But the price of nearly everything else has risen, too, out-

stripping his and his wife's monthly income of 8,000 yuan (\$1,300).

"So our net worth goes up, but our savings goes down," says Wang, 51, adding that he no longer has the appetite, or the cash, to dabble in stocks

snapped back, thanks to a mix of massive government stimulus programs, a flood of bank loans to businesses and consumers and a rebound in prices for commodities, a big source of exports for some of the countries. our parents' generation."
To be sure, there's plenty of reason for optimism about the developing world.
In Brazil, 40 million people,

In Brazil, 40 million people, a fifth of its population, joined the middle class in the past decade. The Chinese now buy more



A Chinese worker sleeps in his bicycle cart under an advertisement for a new building development as a man passes in Beijing. Five years after the financial crisis, the Chinese are struggling as economic growth slows to a two-decade low.

(AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

as he used to.

In Russia, Daria Ivashkevich, 42 and a mother of two, paid off a loan for her Moscow apartment a few years ago, and no longer borrows to buy smartphones, computers and other items. Still, she's had to cut back on food and travel to make ends meet. "Our income hasn't gone down but because of inflation we have less money to spend," she says.

Consumer prices in Russia have risen an average 9 percent a year since the financial crisis, according to Haver Analytics, a data provider.

When the crisis struck in the fall of 2008, exports from developing countries to developed ones plunged, as did stock markets from Beijing to Moscow. But the developing countries

Now, the Chinese government is pulling back from its loose-credit policy to rein in excessive borrowing, which is slowing growth. Falling prices for commodities have hobbled Brazil and Russia. Indian consumers have slowed spending because of high inflation. A jump in U.S. interest rates since May is hurting, too. Investors attracted to those higher rates are pulling money out of developing countries, slamming their economies.

The tougher times are forcing many people to retrench.

"I've started to ask myself, 'Do I really need this?'" says Antonio Guedes, 33, a clothing designer in Rio de Janeiro. "... I think people of my generation are going to have a much more uncertain financial life than

cars and cellphones than Americans. And while two-thirds of India's 1.2 billion still struggle in poverty, the growing middle class is spending enough to convince the likes of Starbucks and IKEA to open stores for the first time.

"This newer generation... they want to buy the latest model car, the largest-screen TV, or a big new fridge," says Vipul Soni, 34, owner of a chain of gift stores based in Mumbai. "The spending is to acquire a lifestyle. It's all aspirational."

For all their promise, though, the BRICs can only help support the global economy, not drive it. "They're just too small to become an engine of demand for the world's economy," says Harvard economist Kenneth Rogoff.

# Haiti 'strongly disagrees' with migrant ruling

#### PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Haiti said Saturday that it "strongly disagrees" with a court ruling in the Dominican Republic that strips citizenship from the children of Haitian migrants.

The Haitian government had been mostly silent on the court decision that threatens to render hundreds of thousands of people stateless but announced this week that it was recalling its ambassador to the Dominican Republic.

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs deeply regrets that Haitians and their Dominican descendants who have contributed significantly to the current progress of the Dominican Republic for their work and sacrifice are now treated as foreigners in transit," the statement said.

The Dominican Republic's Constitutional Court ruled last week that it will block citizenship for thousands of people born to Haitian migrant workers since 1929. This could affect about 300,000 people, the bulk of them Dominican-born people of Haitian descent. Haiti's foreign affairs ministry claimed that the court decision violates several international laws and agreements, including a 2005 decision by the Inter-American Court of Human

It also urged Dominican authorities to address in an "objective and fair manner" the role of Dominicans of Haitian descent in the Dominican Republic.

The court ruling has aggravated already uneasy relations between the two countries, which share the Caribbean island of Hispaniola.



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# EPB Hospitality Students To Host 3-Course Lunchs!

HATO - During their graduation year, the students of the EPB, basic professional training high school, need to practice what they learned, while interacting with each other and clients in real-life restaurant situations. The Aloe Restaurant and its professional commercial kitchen is where these students train and invite the general public to enjoy a three-course

a great lunch. It will be a great pleasure for you to enjoy this opportunity and to get a glimpse into these ambitious young people's future and to actively contribute to their training as the island's future hospitality professionals.

The menu offers a nice trip around the world including Aruban, Italian, French, German and Dutch specialties, with one meal at



lunch for only Afl. 25,00 per person, every Tuesday and Wednesday to work towards their diploma. Lunch is served every Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. starting October 15, 2013 until November 13, 2013 when they go on break for the holidays. The restaurant opens again on January 14, 2014 and closes March 13, 2014 which is at the end of the academic year.

In the kitchen, Chef Kenneth Blom and Chef Reynaldo Maldonado are swinging the spatula's, while Mr. François Maduro coaches the front of the house staff.

The Chef's, with extensive experience in the food and beverage world, truly enjoys what they do know, working with the enthusiastic students.

Together, the service and kitchen teams will deliver

the time. The selection for each day is set - except dessert, which depends on what the pastry class is making. If you are interested in attending lunch at EPB you can call François Maduro at tel. 528-9791 ext. 152 for reservations and ask him for the menu of the day. It is requested to make reservations four weekdays in advance, however, Mr. Maduro can be reached by phone to check seating availability if reservations are made in less than 4 days in advance. The EPB School and Aloe Restaurant are located across from the Aruba Aloe factory, with easy parking.

Please note that the teachers ask you to be on time, since this is a prescheduled class. In case of cancelation, please be so kind to cancel one day in advance.



# Radisson's associates come together for a Responsible Business Beach Cleanup!

PALM BEACH -The caring employees of the Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa scoured the terrain of the California Dunes for a Responsible Business Beach Cleanup recently, cleaning up trash and marine debris.

The cleanup was part of the 10th annual Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group Responsible Business Action Month. In 2003, The Rezidor Hotel Group launched the first Responsible Business Action Month to bring hotels in Europe, The Middle East and Africa together for the common good. Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group in the Americas and Asia Pacific, which owns multiple hotel brands including the Radisson, joined in, creating a truly global event each September.

Raddisson's beach

cleaners came from all of the resort departments and they worked together to clean the dunes promoting a more beautiful Aruba for the benefit of all who live here and for the enjoyment of those who visit the island.

Photos show the employees in action, as well as the container's worth of garbage bags that they effectively filled that day.











# Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival: George Benson did it again!

ORANJESTAD - George
Benson's last visit to Aruba was in 1989 and as
he shared with us that he
waited way too long to
come back. He loves Aruba and actually made a
comment that he is looking into buying some prop-

erty on the island! Together with his band, most artists being from Chicago and New York City, two hours of steaming performance entertained hundreds of locals mingled with island visitors. Famous songs like: On Broadway, Nothing's







gonna Change My Love For You and of course This Masquerade made the crowd go crazy!

Mr. Benson had the crowd sing along, clap hands and dance. Besides his incredible voice George Benson is also considered one of the best guitar players in the world! And he did let us hear so several times.

The outdoor concerts at the Renaissance property were very well organized by Purple Entertainment Group Production who combined world fa-

mous stars and upcoming talent. Drinks and snacks were widely available on a cozy food court hosted by local bars and restaurants. For the Art lovers an art gallery was created as well. Art was for sale right then and there.

Opening up for George Benson was the local band "Live XPressions" a band off all ages including a father and his two sons from Aruba self. One of their songs was an original dedi-





cated to Haiti after the terrible hurricane and the proceeds were donated to the island.

Entertainers like Giovanca from Curacao, Marquese Scott the famous dancer and many more shared their knowledge and talents in workshop and seminars and visited local schools.

The entire seventh Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival was a big success and we can't wait to find out the line up for next year!







### At Bugaloe:

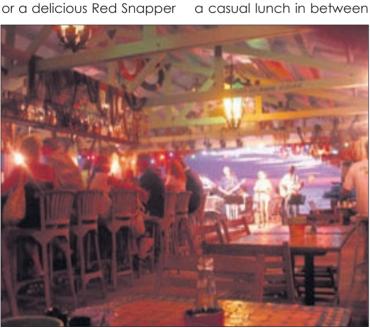
# **Aruban Fresh Fish Right Off The Coast!**



PALM BEACH - Fresher than Fresh, is what you are served in the popular Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill, located at De Palm Pier, between the RIU Palace Hotel and The Raddison Hotel. Mondays will no longer be just another Monday. No! It's Crazy Fish Monday at Bugaloe! Beautiful colorful platter of exquisite fish, yellow rice and rich vegetables is what you will be served from Chef Hernandez' kitchen every Monday. Whether choosing Fried Fish Basket for only \$15

for \$20, you wish it was Mon-

day every day! Bugaloe is known for fun and craziness, so it was only logical Chef Marc Hernandez likes to go wild when it comes to his cooking. Caught in the morning, served at night is the true Bugaloe way, maybe this explains its popularity from the start. Crazy Fish Monday is served from 5.30 p.m. till 10 p.m. Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill is open daily from 9 a.m. till midnight. Start your day of right with a delicious cappuccino, or walk in to enjoy



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savoring dinner and enjoying the beautiful Aruba Sunset! Don't forget to make one hour in the day even happier at Bugaloe's

till 6 p.m. Reservations are not necessary, just follow your hips to the music and the fun and smiles salutina you!







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# Americans make it 5 in a row at Presidents Cup

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Fred Couples, the coolest guy in golf, never really looked that way until he stood on the edge of the 18th fairway Sunday and saw everything going his way.

The Americans needed only one more point to win the Presidents Cup.

And there was Tiger Woods, who has a history of delivering the winning point, in the middle of the fairway at Muirfield Village, where he has won a record five times. The Presidents Cup ended just the way it always does. Woods found the green and two-putted for par and a 1-up victory over Richard Sterne, the third straight time he has won the clinching point in the Presidents Cup. The Americans won for the fifth straight time — and eighth time in 10 tries — against an International side that showed some fight when it was too late to matter.

The Americans, who finished strong Sunday morning in the rain-delayed foursomes for a 14-8 lead, only needed to win four singles matches.

It took longer than anyone expected. "I must have asked 500 times, 'How



United States team captain Fred Couples poses with the Presidents Cup after the U.S. won the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio. Associated Press

are we getting this fourth point? Where is the fourth point coming from?'" said Couples, a three-time winner as U.S. captain. "You're nervous. Not for the players — the players know what they're doing. But we knew we needed 18 points, and we got them. It was a very, very good match today. And the matches were all close. At no given time was I a nervous wreck. But it was nice when Tiger twoputted that last green to get the 18th point."

The final score — United States 18½, International 15½ — and whether the matches would beat the rain was really the only suspense on Sunday.

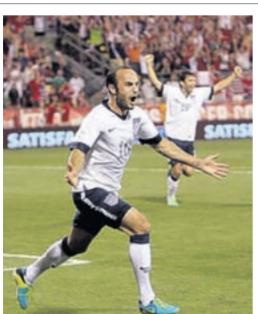
"People say it was close. Jack (Nicklaus) said it was close," International captain Nick Price said. "You tell me. We were behind the 8-ball all day. If we pulled it off, it would have been miraculous."

Not that his team of seven rookies didn't give it a shot. Zach Johnson closed out Branden Grace, 4 and 2, to give the Americans 17 points and assure them a tie. But it took more than an hour to get that last point. Graham DeLaet holed out for birdie for the second time Sunday on the 18th

hole, this time from a bunker to beat 20-year-old Jordan Spieth. Ernie Els found his putting touch and beat Steve Stricker. Marc Leishman rolled in a 15-foot par putt from the back fringe of the 18th green to beat Matt Kuchar. Adam Scott and Charl Schwartzel won their matches.

The International team's fleeting hopes ended when Woods, despite suffering back spasms again in the final hour of his match, didn't make a birdie on the back nine and still won. Sterne helped him by hitting his tee shot off the corporate tents behind the 16th green and making bogey. "It was a team effort this whole week," said Woods, who went 4-1 for the best record of any player. "We really played well to give ourselves a nice lead." Rain interrupted the matches all week and made Muirfield Village so soft that it was mere target practice for the best players from every continent but Europe. It was a long, tiring week of leaving the course at darkness and completing matches the next morning when it was just as dark.

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# LA's Landon Donovan ties MLS career goals record

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

cord in Major League Soccer with two first-half scores for the Los Angeles Galaxy.

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Donovan pass
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In this Sept. 10, 2013, file photo, United States' Landon Donovan celebrates after scoring a goal against Mexico during the second half of a World Cup qualifying soccer match in Columbus, Ohio.

Donovan scored twice in the first 41 minutes Sunday against Chivas USA, giving him 134 career MLS regular-season goals

Donovan passed second-place Jaime Moreno (133) and pulled even with Cunningham, who played for five MLS teams in a 14-year career. Midfielder Gyasi Zardes made a sharp run down the left side to put a pass on Donovan's foot in the 23rd minute. Donovan then used his speed in the 41st and put a beautiful chip shot over Chivas goalie Dan Kennedy. The 31-year-old Donovan is widely considered the best player in American history. He has won three of his five MLS Cup titles with the Galaxy



# Harvick wins wreck-filled race at Kansas Speedway



Driver Kevin Harvick (29) crosses the finish line to win a NASCAR Sprint Cup series auto race at Kansas Speedway in Kansas City, Kan., Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013. Harvick won the Hollywood Casino 400 with an average speed of 114.884. **Associated Press** 

#### **DAVE SKRETTA AP Sports Writer** KANSAS CITY, Kansas (AP)

 Kevin Harvick won a wreck-filled race at Kansas Speedway on Sunday, keeping out of trouble all afternoon and making a big move in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship. Harvick pulled away from Kurt Busch and Jeff Gordon on a restart with 19 laps to go for his third win of the year. It came after Harvick sat on the pole for the first time in 254 races.

The last time he qualified first, at New Hampshire in 2006, he also won the race. "These guys just did a great job all weekend," Harvick said. "To have a car fast enough for me to qualify on the pole says a lot about how fast this thing is."

Harvick was chased across the line by Busch and Gordon. Joey Logano finished fourth, Carl Edwards was fifth, and Jimmie Johnson finished sixth despite a slight hiccup with his engine on the final lap that cost him one spot on the track.

Matt Kenseth held onto his lead in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship with an 11th-place finish. Johnson narrowed the gap to just three points, while Harvick moved into third place, just 25 points out of first with six races left in the season.

Kyle Busch was the big loser after crashing for the third straight time at Kansas Speedway, dropping from third in points to fifth, 35

adrift of the lead.

There were 15 cautions in the race, breaking the record of 14 for a Sprint Cup race at Kansas Speedway. The first came when the race wasn't even a lap old and Danica Patrick slammed into the wall, and most of them occurred when cars got loose coming out of Turn 2.

Busch and Kenseth both called the race "treacherous," pointing to the combination of a repave last year and Goodyear's new "multi-zone" tires that made it seem as if they were skating across a smooth, glasslike surface most of the afternoon. All of it was compounded by temperatures in the 50s at the start of the race, more than 30 degrees cooler than testing and practice earlier in the week. "It's all about restarts and making sure you can gain spots, but it's treacherous." Busch said, "You had to have a lot of give and take."

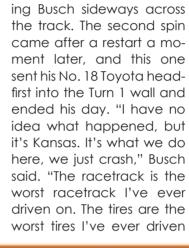
One of the major story lines coming into the race involved Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski, who got together in the Nationwide race on Saturday.

Keselowski said that Busch

intentionally dumped him and seemed to indicate that he would retaliate in the Sprint Cup race. Keselowski even asked NASCAR President Mike Helton in the prerace driver's meeting about the line between hard racing and intentional wrecks. It turned out that Busch kept going for spins without Keselowski's help. The first one came down the front stretch when he appeared to squeeze Juan

Pablo Montoya, send-

on, and track position is everything. You can't do anything." Harvick didn't seem to have a whole lot of trouble with track, or the tires. He was fast from the moment he unloaded this weekend, and then turned heads with his fast qualifying run. Harvick got off pit sequence early in the race and was shuffled to the back of the pack, but he was fast every time he got into clean air.









United States team player Jordan Spieth, center, looks at the Presidents Cup flanked teammates Phil Mickelson, left, and Hunter Mahan during the single matches at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

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The Americans might have won this Presidents Cup on Sunday morning.

Returning to finish off the foursomes session, the Americans picked up a win and a halve in matches they had trailed by three Associated Press holes.

Phil Mickelson hit one of many exquisite shots this week — a 7-iron he had to hook with the ball slightly below his feet, around a tree to about 10 feet. Keegan Bradley had to make the birdie putt for a half-point after DeLaet

chipped in for birdie. Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel played the last six holes in 5-over par—three bogeys and a ball out-of-bounds for double bogey in losing to Webb Simpson and Brandt Snedeker.

"It was a tall order, but they gave it their best shot. These guys played their tails off," Price said. "We're a real hodge-podge of a team that came together from four corners of the planet. And they gave the might of America a run for their money."

The closing ceremony was moved indoors because of approaching rain, and it led to an awkward moment as the International team watched the Americans pass around the gold trophy and pose for the pictures before quietly filing out of the room.

Since that famous tie in South Africa in 2003, the Americans have won by at least three points every time. Only one of them, in 2005, was close.

International players talked about the importance of making a contest out of this exhibition, and only a 7½-4½win in singles made it feel that way at the end. "We kept it very interesting today," Scott said. "We gave it a good shake."

Mickelson and Angel Cabrera were the last match on the course, and it was comical at times. Mickelson hit one shot that ricocheted off a tree to the left, skipped out of the water and into the rough, and he pitched that to 5 feet and then missed the putt to lose the hole. On the final hole, Cabrera had 3 feet for par to win the match. Instead of conceding, Mickelson first knocked in his 5-foot bogey putt, and then conceded.

All in good fun, which is how the day felt.

"There was no intensity. We played and enjoyed the day and the people here in Columbus," Mickelson said after four bogeys in the last five holes.

"I thought it was going to design.

be closed out early. On 12 or 13, they said, 'Your match is going to count.' What? We ended up winning. That's all that matters."

Even with the captains able to control the pairings, the singles lineup was dull. Woods has played Els in South Africa, Greg Norman in Australia, Mike Weir in Canada and Y.E. Yang the same year the South Korean beat him in the PGA Championship. This time, he was up against Sterne. "I did my pairings to try to

"I did my pairings to try to win the cup," Price said.

It might not have mattered against a U.S. team so strong that every player was among the top 30 in the world.

"They played golf that was incredible to watch," Price said. "But for this team, I would be honored if they ever asked me to be captain of this team again. I don't care where it is."

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# Pirates edge Cardinals 5-3, take 2-1 lead

**WILL GRAVES AP Sports Writer** 

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pedro Alvarez and the Pirates kept that Jolly Roger flapping high above Pittsburgh. Alvarez hit a tiebreaking single in the eighth inning and the Pirates beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-3 on Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in best-of-five NL division

Alvarez pulled a grounder into right field that scored pinch-runner Josh Harrison from second base. Russell Martin followed with a sharp RBI single against reliever Kevin Siegrist, who took over after Carlos Martinez (0-1) faltered.

The go-ahead single was the latest big hit by Alvarez. He homered in the first two games of the series and is 4 for 10 with four RBIs.

Alvarez also kept the Pirates' famous flag flying high in October. "Raise the Jolly Roger!" is the rallying cry for this wild-card team, now one victory from its first postseason series win since the 1979 World Series.

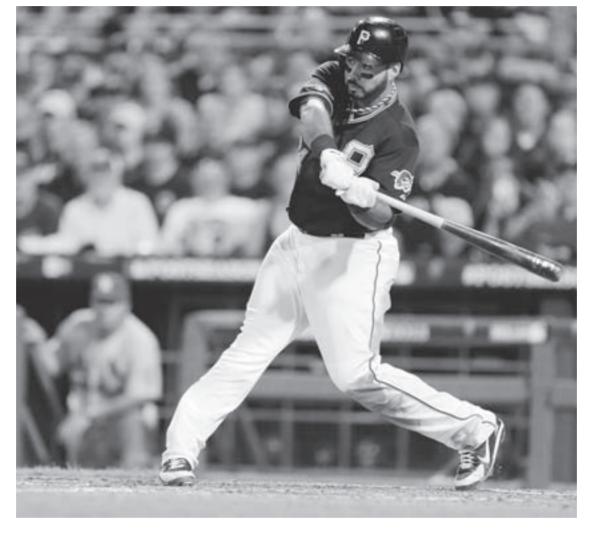
Mark Melancon picked up the win despite allowing Carlos Beltran's tying home run in the top of the eighth. Jason Grilli worked the ninth for a

Charlie Morton is set to start for the Pirates in Game 4 on Monday against rookie Michael Wacha.

Beltran finished 2 for 3 with three RBIs. His 16th postseason home run moved him past Babe Ruth for eighth place in postseason history.

Beltran's shot temporarily silenced a rocking crowd at PNC Park. It also set the stage for another dramatic win by the Pirates.

Andrew McCutchen led off the eighth with his second hit, a double to left. But



Pittsburgh Pirates' Pedro Alvarez drives in Josh Harrison with the go-ahead run with a single to right field in the eighth inning of Game 3 of a National League division baseball series against the St. Louis Cardinals, Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013, in Pittsburgh. The Pirates won 5-3 to take a two games to one lead in the best-of-five series.

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the NL MVP candidate unwisely tried to advance on Justin Morneau's grounder to shortstop and was an Martin's sacrifice fly off reeasy out at third.

Harrison ran for Morneau and moved up when Mar-Ion Byrd walked. St. Louis manager Mike Matheny turned to the lefty Siegrist to face the left-handed Alvarez. The Pittsburgh slugger tied for the NL lead with 36 homers in the regular season, but hit just .180 against lefties.

Alvarez responded with his single between first and second. Martin then tried to drop down a squeeze bunt to score Byrd from third — he fouled it off, then

lined a hit to left that gave Grilli more than enough cushion.

liever Seth Maness in the sixth gave the Pirates a 3-2 lead and turned the game over to Pittsburgh's "Shark Tank" bullpen, one of the keys to the franchise's first winning season and playoff berth in 21 years.

Tony Watson worked around a one-out single in the seventh before giving way to Melancon in the

Melancon stepped in capably for a while when Grilli, the All-Star closer, went down with a strained right forearm in July. But Melancon struggled down the stretch and his fourth blown save in the last three weeks came courtesy of Beltran, who knows a thing or two about delivering this time of year.

Pirates starter Francisco Liriano dominated the Cardinals during the regular season, going 3-0 with an 0.75 ERA in his three starts against the NL's highestscoring team. He was electric in Pittsburgh's wild-card win over Cincinnati last Tuesday, shaking off a sinus infection and baffling the Reds with a series of changeups and sliders that ended Cincinnati's season and manager Dusty Baker's tenure.

The sharpness that fueled Liriano's career-reviving year abandoned him after his first trip through the St. Louis lineup. He narrowly escaped the third inning when Matt Holliday lined to right with the bases loaded.

Liriano wasn't quite as fortunate in the fifth. Jon Jay led off with a single and Pete Kozma followed with a walk. After Joe Kelly struck out trying to bunt, a double steal set up Beltran's two-run single.

At 2-all, the Cardinals had matched their entire output against Liriano in their previous 28 innings.

Liriano was matched nearly pitch for pitch by the unflappable Kelly. The 25-year-old right-hander has been rock steady all season, even as he moved from middle reliever to starter in July.

Kelly welcomed the hostile environment, calling the sea of black-clad fans that awaited him one of the things a kid dreams about. The reality proved a little more unnerving, at least early.

Nibbling at the corners, Kelly walked McCutchen with two outs in the first and Morneau followed with a line drive that smacked off the pitcher's leg and rolled weakly behind the mound. Kozma's rushed throw from shortstop skipped into the stands, putting runners in scoring position for Byrd.

The well-traveled outfielder - who played in 1,250 regular- season games before reaching the playoffs for the first time — has been a welcome jolt both in the lineup and in the clubhouse for the Pirates. He delivered again, hitting a two-run single that put the Pirates ahead.



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# Prater's FG lifts Broncos past Cowboys, 51-48

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Matt Prater kicked a 28yard field goal as time expired and Peyton Manning and Denver overcame the first 500-yard passing game in Dallas history to keep the Broncos unbeaten with a 51-48 victory over the Cowboys on Sunday.

Manning maintained his record pace of touchdown passes to start the season and finished with 414 vards and four scores for Denver (5-0).

Tony Romo threw for 506 yards and five touchdowns for Dallas (2-3), but he was intercepted by Danny Trevanthan inside the Dallas 30 to set up Prater's winning kick.

The teams combined for 1,039 yards of total offense in the second-highest scoring game in regulation since the NFL-AFL merger in 1970, according to STATS.

Cincinnati and Cleveland combined for 106 points in the Browns' 58-48 win in 2004.

#### COLTS 34, SEAHAWKS 28 INDIANAPOLIS (AP)

Andrew Luck threw two touchdown passes and Donald Brown scored the go-ahead TD with 8:55 to go.

The Seahawks (4-1) lost their first regular-season game since last Nov. 25.

Delano Howell scored on a 61-yard return of a blocked field goal for Indy (4-1).

Luck led his ninth career fourth-quarter comeback by going 16 of 29 for 229 yards, beating Russell Wilson in their first matchup.

Indy trailed 12-0 early, went ahead after Howell's return, then rallied again to take the lead for good on Brown's TD. The Colts sealed it with a 2-point conversion pass and a late field goal.

Wilson finished 15 of 31 for



With Denver Broncos' Britton Colquitt (4) holding kicker Matt Prater (5) kicks the game-winning field goal against the Dallas Cowboys during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 6,2013, in Arlington, Texas. The Broncos won 51-48.

210 yards with two TDs, one was the first to accomplish times for 102 yards.

SAINTS 26, BEARS 18 CHICAGO (AP) — Drew Brees threw two touchdown passes to Pierre Thomas and Jimmy Gra-

ham equaled an NFL record with another 100-yard game to help the New Orleans Saints remained unbeaten.

Brees was 29 of 35 for 288 yards in his first victory in four career games at Soldier Field. Garrett Hartley matched a career high with four field goals as New Orleans (5-0) picked up its first win in Chicago since a 31-10 victory on Oct. 8, 2000.

Graham continued his torrid start for the Saints (5-0), catching 10 balls for 135 yards in his fourth consecutive 100-yard game matching an NFL record for a tight end. Tony Gonzalez

interception and ran 13 the streak in 2000, and Graham matched it in 2011. Jay Cutler threw for 358 yards and two touchdowns for Chicago (3-2), which has lost two in a row.

> **BENGALS 13, PATRIOTS 6 CINCINNATI (AP)** — BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran 1 yard in the fourth quarter for the game's only touchdown, and the Cincinnati Bengals ended Tom Brady's long streak of touchdown passes in defeating the previ-

land Patriots. The Bengals (3-2) sacked Brady four times and kept New England (4-1) out of the end zone on a first-andgoal from the 1-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

ously unbeaten New Eng-

Adam "Pacman" Jones picked off Brady's desperation pass inside the 5-yard line with 16 seconds left to clinch it.

Brady had thrown a touch-

down pass in 52 straight games, second-longest in NFL history behind Drew Brees. The Patriots were held out of the end zone for the first time since a 16-9 loss to the Jets on Sept. 20,

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#### CHIEFS 26, TITANS 17 NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP)

 Jamaal Charles scored a 1-yard touchdown with 6:23 left, and the Chiefs rallied to keep up their perfect start.

The Chiefs (5-0) are off to their best start since 2003, when they won their first nine games. This win came despite blowing a 13-0 halftime lead in this early AFC showdown between these surprising teams bouncing back after losing seasons.

The Titans (3-2) couldn't have been more out of synch in the first half with Ryan Fitzpatrick starting for Jake Locker, sidelined with his sprained right hip. He missed his first five passes and went three-and-out on his first five series before guiding Tennessee to 17 straight points in the second half.

Charles put the Chiefs ahead to stay, and they intercepted Fitzpatrick twice in the final 6:14. Ryan Succop kicked four field goals, including a 48-yarder.

**RAVENS 26. DOLPHINS 23** MIAMI GARDENS, Florida

(AP) — Justin Tucker kicked a 44-yard field goal to put the Baltimore Ravens ahead with 1:42 left, and they withstood a frantic comeback bid.

Ryan Tannehill completed a 46-yard pass to Brandon Gibson on fourth down to keep Miami's hopes alive, but Caleb Sturgis then missed a 57-yard field goal attempt wide left with 33 seconds to go.

The Ravens (3-2) bounced back from a loss last week at Buffalo and won on the road for the first time this season. The Dolphins (3-2) lost their second game in

Baltimore moved 34 yards to set up Tucker's gamewinning field goal, his fourth of the day. The Ravens ran for a season-high 133 yards, and Joe Flacco threw for 269 yards.

#### PACKERS 22, LIONS 9 **GREEN BAY, Wisconsin (AP)**

 James Jones caught a long touchdown pass from Aaron Rodgers, and the Packers defense contained the undermanned Lions.

Mason Crosby kicked five field goals. The Packers' offense struggled to get into the end zone until Rodgers found Jones on an 83-yard completion down the left sideline for a 16-3 lead late in the third quarter.



# Djokovic beats Nadal 6-3, 6-4 to win China Open

CHRISTOPHER BODEEN
Associated Press

**BEIJING (AP)** — Having lost his top ranking to Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic showed he can still compete with the Spaniard one-on-one.

A day after Nadal made sure of wresting the No. 1 ranking away from Djokovic, the Serb gained some consolation by beating his big rival 6-3, 6-4 victory Sunday to claim his fourth China Open title in five years. In the women's final, topranked American Serena Williams maintained her dominant form, beating Jelena Jankovic of Serbia 6-2, 6-2.

Nadal only needed to reach the final in Beijing in order to replace Djokovic as No. 1 when the new rankings come out on Monday. But the Serb handed Nadal his first loss on hard court this year, breaking him in the second game of the first set and again in the first game of the second. He served four aces to Nadal's two and hit 19 winners to the Spaniard's nine.

"I needed this win today. I really wanted to get my hands on the trophy and win against Nadal who has been the best player so far in 2013," said Djokovic, who had lost their last three meetings, including in the U.S. Open final.

Djokovic credited his almost flawless serve for the win this time, as well as his ability to keep calm. He



Novak Djokovic of Serbia, right, and Rafael Nadal of Spain pose with their trophies after the final of the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China Sunday, Oct. 6, 2013. Djokovic defeated Nadal 6-3, 6-4.

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said playing doubles also helped, both in sharpening his game and building his confidence.

"That's crucial to get that necessary confidence when you're playing top guys, somebody like Nadal, who loves to get into the rally, loves to be in his comfort zone and I was always trying to move him around the court and I've done pretty well," Djokovic said. Djokovic has yet to lose a match in Beijing.

"Center Court is exceptional. I enjoy it, and I try to cherish every moment that I spend here. And the

results are showing how much I really enjoy being here and enjoy playing in this tournament."

Nadal, the reigning French Open and U.S. Open champion, has had a dominant year since returning in February from a seven-month layoff due to a left knee injury. He has won 10 titles and reached 12 finals overall, compiling an ATP Tour-best record of 65-4 on the season.

He hadn't lost a match since falling in the opening round at Wimbledon to 135th-ranked Steve Darcis of Belgium in June, his only previous blip this year.

Nadal also said Djokovic's serve made the difference. "I was not able to have any chance when I was returning through the whole match," Nadal said. "When that's happening against a player like No-

vak, you are dead."

Yet Nadal seemed to put the setback behind him in light of an extraordinary comeback season that sees him returning to the top ranking for the first time since July 2011.

"I am back at the No. 1, something that I really thought that I would never have the chance to be back there," he said. "I'm playing one of the best seasons of my career, probably one of the more emotional years, if not the most for so many facts."

Williams' serve also proved decisive in the women's final, in which both players were feeling the effects of a long season. Jankovic needed treatment after the third game of the second set for what appeared to be a sore back, returning only to lose the next five straight games.

# Del Potro beats Raonic to win Japan Open

JIM ARMSTRONG
AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Top-seeded Juan Martin del Potro beat Milos Raonic of Canada, 7-6 (5), 7-5 on Sunday to win the Japan Open and claim his third title of the season.

Del Potro got the only break of the match to go up 6-5 in the second set and then held serve to win the match in 1 hour, 46 minutes.

The Argentine, who was a runnerup to Tomas Berdych here in 2008, converted his

second match point in the final game, hitting a forehand past Raonic at the net to secure the title.

"I played really well in the last two games of the match," Del Potro said. "I broke his serve and closed out in a fantastic way and hopefully I can keep it going for the rest of the season."

The third-seeded Raonic, who was coming off a win at the Thailand Open last week, hit 17 aces but came up short in his second straight appearance

in the Japan Open final. He lost to local favorite Kei Nishikori last year.

The 22-year-old Canadian put pressure on del Potro's serve in the first set, but could not capitalize on three break point opportunities. Del Potro bounced back from an 0-2 deficit in the tiebreaker and got a break when Raonic double-faulted to give del Potro a 6-4 lead.

Raonic fended off del Petro once, but the Argentine aced the next point to win the set.

"There is nothing really to be down about," Raonic said. "Maybe the double fault in the tiebreak and then later in the match to break me he gets four winners so there is not much I could have done there to play better."

Raonic saw his eightmatch winning streak come to an end. He has moved steadily up in the world rankings but said he was more concerned about his overall progress in competing against the world's top players.



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# American families hoard cash 5 yrs after crisis

BERNARD CONDON AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Five years after U.S. investment bank Lehman Brothers collapsed, triggering a global financial crisis and shattering confidence worldwide, families in major countries around the world are still hunkered down, too spooked and distrustful to take chances with their money.

An Associated Press analysis of households in the 10 biggest economies shows that families continue to spend cautiously and have pulled hundreds of billions of dollars out of stocks, cut borrowing for the first time in decades and poured money into savings and bonds that offer puny interest payments, often too low to keep up with inflation.

"It doesn't take very much to destroy confidence, but it takes an awful lot to build it back," says lan Bright, senior economist at ING, a global bank based in Amsterdam. "The attitude toward risk is permanently reset."

A flight to safety on such a global scale is unprecedented since the end of World War II.

The implications are huge: Shunning debt and spending less can be good for one family's finances. When hundreds of millions do it together, it can starve the global economy.

Some of the retrenchment is not surprising: High unemployment in many countries means fewer people with paychecks to spend. But even people with good jobs and little fear of losing them remain cautious.

"Lehman changed everything," says Arne Holzhausen, a senior economist at global insurer Allianz, based in Munich. "It's safety, safety, safety."

The AP analyzed data showing what consumers did with their money in the five years before the Great Recession began in December 2007 and in the five years that followed, through the end of

They put more even money into bond mutual funds — \$1.3 trillion — even as interest payments on bonds plunged to record lows.

In the five years before the crisis, household debt in the 10 countries jumped 34 percent, according to

Madeleine and Jerry Bosco pose for a photo in their living room, filled with mostly inherited or thrift shop furnishings and a hardwood floor in need of refinishing or replacement, in the Tujunga area of Los Angeles. During the recession, Jerry's pay was cut 15 percent, and their home lost some of its value. Five years later, they're still cutting back on necessities such as food, utilities, home repairs and new appliances, as well as extras such as weekend trips and dinners out.

(AP Photo/Reed Saxon)

2012. The focus was on the world's 10 biggest economies — the United States, China, Japan, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Russia, Italy and India — which have half the world's population and 65 percent of global gross domestic product. Key findings:

A desire for safety drove people to dump stocks, even as prices rocketed from crisis lows in early 2009. Investors in the top 10 countries pulled \$1.1 trillion from stock mutual funds in the five years after the crisis, or 10 percent of their holdings at the start of that period, according to Lipper Inc., which tracks funds.

Credit Suisse. Then the financial crisis hit, and people slammed the brakes on borrowing. Debt per adult in the 10 countries fell 1 percent in the 4½ years after 2007. Economists say debt hasn't fallen in sync like that since the end of World War II.

People chose to shed debt even as lenders slashed rates on loans to record lows. In normal times, that would have triggered an avalanche of borrowing. Looking for safety for their money, households in the

Looking for safety for their money, households in the six biggest developed economies added \$3.3 trillion, or 15 percent, to their cash holdings in the five years after the crisis, slightly more than they did in the five years before, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The growth of cash is remarkable because millions more were unemployed, wages grew slowly and people diverted billions to pay down their debts.

To cut debt and save more, people have reined in their spending. Adjusting for inflation, global consumer spending rose 1.6 percent a year during the five years after the crisis, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers, an accounting and consulting firm. That was about half the growth rate before the crisis and only slightly more than the annual growth in population during those years.

Consumer spending is critically important because it accounts for more than 60 percent of GDP.

After the crisis hit, Jerry and Madeleine Bosco of Tujunga, California, found themselves facing \$30,000 in credit card bills with no easy way to pay the debt off. So they sold stocks, threw most of their cards in the trash, and stopped eating out and taking vacations.

Today, most of the debt is gone, but the lusher life of the boom years is a distant memory. "We had credit cards and we didn't worry about a thing," says Madeleine, 55.

In the U.S., debt per adult soared 54 percent in the five years before the crisis. Then it plunged, down 12 percent in 4 ½ years, although most of that resulted from people defaulting on loans. In the U.K., debt per adult fell a modest 2 percent, but it had jumped 59 percent before the crisis.

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## BlackBerry facing a class action suit

TORONTO (AP) — A class action lawsuit has been filed against BlackBerry by a shareholder claiming the company misled investors about its future, including how the BlackBerry 10 smartphone line would fare against competitors.

The lawsuit seeks to represent thousands of share-holders who purchased BlackBerry stock from Sept. 27, 2012, to Sept. 20, 2013, a period in which it alleges executives misrepresented the state of BlackBerry's operations.

Waterloo, Ontario-based BlackBerry, formerly Research In Motion Ltd, misled investors last year by saying that the company was "progressing on its financial and operational commitments," and that previews of its BlackBerry 10 platform were well received by developers, according to shareholder Marvin Pearlstein in a lawsuit filed in a federal court in Manhattan over the weekend.

"In reality, the BlackBerry 10 was not well received by the market, and the company was forced to ... lay off approximately 4,500 employees, totaling approximately 40 percent of its total workforce," the complaint alleges.

BlackBerry's CEO Thorsten Heins and Chief Financial Officer Brian Bidulka were also named as defendants. A representative for Black-Berry declined to comment, saying the company is "reviewing the matter." BlackBerry disclosed last month that it would book nearly a billion dollars in losses related primarily to the write down of unsold BlackBerry Z10 touch-screen smartphones.

## **Smart Money:**

# In emerging markets, a time to be especially choosy

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After two difficult years, emerging-market stock funds posted solid gains in the third quarter, raising hope that this once-high-flying asset class may be ready to rebound.

Yet many strategists and money managers caution investors not to get too excited.

For starters, the return of 5.2 percent, on average, for these funds still lagged behind the third-quarter gains of mutual and exchange-traded funds that focus on domestic, European or Japanese stocks. What's more, fundamental factors are likely to keep challenging developing economies like China, India and Indonesia, money managers said.

"I think we've entered a very difficult period for the emerging markets," said Lewis Kaufman, manager of the Thornburg Developing World fund, which has beaten 93 percent of its peers over the last year.

Kaufman noted that, while economic activity in developing markets was still growing at a faster clip than in Europe and the U.S., the gap was narrowing.

For instance, the difference between gross domestic product growth in China and the U.S. stood at about eight percentage points in 2010, according to IHS Global Insight. Today, that spread is down to around five points.

And one big tail wind that propelled the popularity of emerging-market equities and other risky assets - the widespread availability of cheap credit globally - has slackened.

Although the Federal Re-

serve announced last month that it was not yet ready to taper its aggressive bond-buying program, the central bank is still expected to eventually take its foot off the accelerator. And central banks throughout the emerging markets including Brazil, Indonesia and India - have raised key rates in an effort to keep

the emerging markets."
Now there is heated debate about whether emerging-market stocks are good values, with bulls pointing out that these stocks are cheaper than average, based on certain measures.

Richard Titherington, head of J.P. Morgan Asset Management's emerging-marvalue. Yet Mark D. Luschini, chief investment strategist at Janney Montgomery Scott, argues that the emerging-market stocks aren't necessarily cheap based on other measures. For instance, the price-to-earnings ratio for the MSCI Emerging Markets index ended the third quarter at 11.2, based on projected

tunities is shrinking," said Kaufman at Thornburg. While pockets of strong growth can still be found in emerging markets, "the problem is the good stuff is increasingly carved out and expensive."

Corporate earnings among companies in the MSCI Emerging Markets index are expected to grow



The Wynn casino in Macau, China. Wynn Macau, the casino company, is on one fund manager's list of favorite consumer-focused stocks in China.

(Daniel J. Groshong/The New York Times)

inflation in check and prop up their currencies.

"What has been driving some of the success in the emerging markets - investment from developed countries to feed exports back into the developing world - is starting to slow down," said Edward A. Gray, head of global and international value equities at Delaware Investments. "At the margin, things have gotten tougher to justify in

kets equity team, notes that over the last 20 years investors were smart to sell emerging-markets stocks when they traded at an average price-to-book value ratio of more than 2.5 and to buy when that ratio sank below 1.5.

In the summer, emergingmarket stocks slipped below that threshold and rallied. Today, emergingmarket equities trade at around 1.6 times their book profits; the figure is slightly higher than the comparable P/E of 11.0 for emerging-markets stocks when they peaked in May 2011. That's because emerging market earnings have actually contracted over the last two years.

So where does that leave investors? They must be much more selective than they were before.

"Let me be blunt: The universe of attractive oppor-

12.8 percent a year for the next three to five years, according to estimates from Bloomberg. Some sectors in the index, like health care and consumer staples, are forecast to grow significantly faster. Yet the average P/E was already 23 at quarter's end for emerging-market health care stocks and more than 24 for consumer-staples companies, both based on expected earnings.

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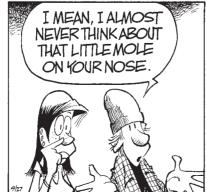


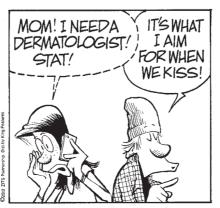




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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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# American families hoard cash 5 yrs after crisis

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Even Japanese and Germans, who weren't big borrowers in the years before the crisis, cut debt — 4 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

"We don't want to take out a loan," says Maria Schoenberg, 45, of FrankIn the U.K., spending dropped. The British spent 3 percent less last year than they did five years earlier, in 2007.

High unemployment has played a role. But economists say the financial crisis, and the government debt crisis that started in Europe a year later, has spooked

the extra spending money. Then Lehman collapsed, and he decided to save it instead.

"I watched the news of the stock market going down 100, 200 points a day, and I was glad I had cash," he says, recalling the steep drops in the Dow Jones industrial average

then. "That strategy will not change."

The wealthiest 1 percent of U.S. households are saving 30 percent of their takehome pay, triple what they were saving in 2008, according to a July report from American Express Publishing and Harrison Group, a research firm.

After years of saving more and shedding debt, the good news is that many people have repaired their personal finances.

Americans have slashed their credit card debt to 2002 levels. In the U.K., personal bank loans, not including mortgages, are no larger than they were in 1999. 🔲



Kevin Sandoval, of Chelsea, Mass., places a guitar on a rack after trying the instrument out at a music store, in Lowell, Mass. Americans spent \$300 million less on musical instruments, a drop of 5 percent, in the five years since the financial crisis.

(AP Photo/Steven Senne)

furt, Germany, explaining why she and her husband, a rheumatologist, decided to rent after a recent move instead of borrowing to buy. "We're terrified of doing that."

Such attitudes are rife when it has rarely been cheaper to borrow around the world.

"A whole new generation of adults has come of age in a time of diminished expectations," says Mark Vitner, a senior economist at Wells Fargo, the fourthlargest U.S. bank. "They're not likely to take on debt like those before them."

Or spend as much.

After adjusting for inflation, Americans increased their spending in the five years after the crisis at one-quarter the rate before the crisis, according to PricewaterhouseCoopers. French spending barely budged.

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even people who can afford to splurge to cut back. Arnaud Reze, 36, owns a home in Nantes, France, has piled up money in savings accounts and stocks, and has a government job that guarantees 75 percent of his pay in retirement. But he fears the pension guarantee won't be kept. So he's stopped buying coffee at cafes and cut back on lunches with colleagues and saved in numerous other ways. "Little stupid things that I would buy left and right ... I don't buy anymore," he says.

Even the rich are spending cautiously.

Five years ago, Mike Cockrell, chief financial officer at Sanderson Farms, a large U.S. poultry producer in Laurel, Mississippi, had just paid off a mortgage and was looking forward to



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# BP trial to focus on scientists' spill estimates

# MICHAEL KUNZELMAN Associated Press NEW ORLEANS (AP) —

When BP used a capping stack to seal its blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico, the device didn't just shut the source of the nation's worst offshore oil spill. Its pressure gauge also provided scientists with crucial data about the rate that crude was spewing from the well when engineers finally plugged the leak in July 2010.

Experts for the British oil giant and the federal government used the pressure gauge data in calculating how much oil spilled into the Gulf during the 87 days it took to plug the well. But each side will provide a federal judge with very different estimates when the second phase of a trial resumes Monday for litigation spawned by the spill.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier is scheduled to hear three weeks of testimony from dueling experts to help him calculate how much oil spilled into the Gulf — a key factor in determining how much more money BP and its contractors owe for their roles in the deadly disaster.

Justice Department attorneys will try to persuade Barbier that the pressure gauge on the capping stack provided the best set of data about the flow of oil from the well.

"The pressure data, collection rates, and geometry of the capping stack are by far the most accurate and reliable sources of information on flow rate, and were recognized as such by all parties at the time," they wrote in a pretrial filing.

BP, however, says the government's experts ignored other important data. Company lawyers say its experts used a "proven methodology" that doesn't require "simplistic and unverified assumptions about flow conditions."

"In contrast, the United States' experts employ unproven methods that require significant assumptions and extrapolations in lieu of, and even directly inconsistent with, the available data and other evidence," company attorneys wrote.

The Deepwater Horizon drilling rig was working at

pollute the Gulf. Under the Clean Water Act, a polluter can be forced to pay a maximum of either \$1,100 or \$4,300 per bar-



In this July 11, 2010, file photo, provided by BP, workers onboard the Transocean Discoverer Inspiration deploy the 3 Ram Capping Stack to the Deepwater Horizon BOP in the Gulf of Mexico. Associated Press

the site of BP's Macondo well off the Louisiana coast when the well blew out April 20, 2010. The explosion on the rig killed 11 workers and set off a massive fire. The rig sank less than two days later to the bottom, about a mile (1.6 kilometers) below the Gulf surface.

The Justice Department's experts estimate 4.2 million barrels, or 176 million gallons (666 million liters) spilled into the Gulf after the blowout. BP has urged Barbier to use an estimate of 2.45 million barrels, or nearly 103 million gallons (390 million liters), in calculating any fines under the Clean Water Act. Both sides agree that 810,000 barrels, or 34 million gallons (129 million liters), escaped the well but were captured before the crude could rel of spilled oil. The higher maximum applies if the company is found grossly negligent, as the government argues BP should be. But penalties can be assessed at amounts lower than those caps.

Using the government's figures, a maximum penalty if the company is found grossly negligent could total \$18 billion. Using the company's figures, that maximum penalty would be around \$10.5 billion.

For the trial's first phase, Barbier heard eight weeks of testimony about the causes of the April 2010 well blowout.

Barbier divided the trial's second phase into two parts. For the first segment, he heard four days of testimony last week about BP's efforts to cap the well. He set aside 12 days of testi-

mony for the second segment, which will consist almost exclusively of technical testimony by experts. Government experts believe the oil was flowing from the well at a higher rate shortly after the blowout than it was when the well was sealed with the capping stack.

"Basic principles of oil production hold that reservoir pressure depletes and flow rates wane over time," Justice Department attorneys wrote.

BP's experts concluded that flow rates increased over time, due in part to the erosion of steel rams on the rig's blowout preventer. Martin Blunt, a BP expert who is a professor of petroleum engineering at Imperial College in London, also took other factors into consideration, including the "compressibility" of the rocks in the reservoir BP was drilling.

"In assessing the data, Dr. Blunt uses a conservative lens," BP attorneys wrote. "Dr. Blunt accounts for fundamental geological facts and principles of physics acknowledged by United States experts but omitted in their flow calculations."

Calculating the rate that oil was flowing from the well has been a contentious issue from the beginning of the disaster.

Marcia McNutt, who was director of the U.S. Geological Survey at the time of the blowout, led the government's Flow Rate Technical Group and frequently interacted with BP officials while its engineers scrambled to seal the well. In videotaped testimony shown to Barbier last week, McNutt said it didn't appear that anyone from the government was inside BP's "circle of trust" when it came to sharing data about a procedure called "top kill" that failed to seal the well.

McNutt also said it took longer for her team of scientists to arrive at a flow-rate estimate because they got poor data from BP.

"Did you feel that BP was not a willing partner when it came to flow rate?" a lawyer for Deepwater Horizon rig owner Transocean Ltd. asked McNutt.

"There was this tenseness," McNutt said. "It was almost kind of a chill in the room when flow-rate issues came up."

# 30 Meter Telescope oral arguments set for Dec.

# AUDREY McAVOY Associated Press

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Oral arguments are scheduled to begin Dec. 13 for a legal case challenging Hawaii's decision to grant a permit for the construction of the world's largest optical telescope at the summit of Mauna Kea. Opponents of the Thirty Meter Telescope appealed a Board of Land and Natural Resources decision to the Third Circuit Court in Hilo in May.v The petitioners say they want to force the board to uphold its public trust duties to protect Hawaii's natural and cultural resources as traditional and customary Hawaiian practices depend on these resources. Kealoha Pisciotta, the president of Mauna Kea Anaina Hou, an organization of Native Hawaiian traditional and cultural practitioners of Mauna Kea, said the question is whether the rules allow more development that would have an adverse and significant impact on the mountain's land and waters. She said the "answer is no."

The board has a "duty to uphold the public trust and has clearly abused this trust," Pisciotta said in a statement.

The plaintiffs filed an opening brief for their appeal last Thursday.

The project to build the telescope was started by the University of California, California Institute of Technology and the Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy.

# 'Gravity' soars to top of weekend box office

#### **SANDY COHEN AP Entertainment Writer** LOS ANGELES (AP) — The

Sandra Bullock-George Clooney space drama "Gravity" rocketed to the top of the box office and into industry record books during its opening weekend.

The Warner Bros. adventure debuted with \$55.55 million in North American ticket sales, according to studio estimates Sunday — the biggest October opening ever and the biggest openings for Bullock and Clooney. The film also dominated the international box office, adding another \$27.4 million overseas.

"It's all good news," said Dan Fellman, Warner Bros. president of domestic distribution.

He credited director and co-writer Alfonso Cuaron, who takes viewers into orbit with a story set almost entirely in space that ex-



This film image released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows George Clooney in a scene from "Gravity."

**Associated Press** 

plores challenges faced by two astronauts during a spacewalk. Cuaron's team developed equipment and technology to replicate the weightlessness of space. "It's never been seen before, visual effects like this," Fellman said. "Just the space shots are mind-boggling. It looks like you're right there."

Last week's top movie,

Sony's "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2," rolled into second place with \$21.5 million. The animated sequel features the voices of Bill Hader and Anna Faris and a cast of "foodimals," like tacodiles and shrimpanzees.

R-rated fare rounds out the top six. Twentieth Century Fox's "Runner Runner," starring Ben Affleck and

Justin Timberlake, opened in third place with \$7.6 million. Warner Bros.' "Prisoners," starring Hugh Jackman and Jake Gyllenhaal, locked onto the fourth spot. Universal's racing tale "Rush," starring Chris Hemsworth, drove into fifth place, followed by "Don Jon," Joseph Gordon-Levitt's directorial debut about a porn addict look-

ing for love.

"The adult drama is back, and fall is the season for the adult drama," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for boxoffice tracker Rentrak. "This is when you get your more challenging films, some of the more esoteric fare, and a lot of those movies, by their nature, have to be rated R."

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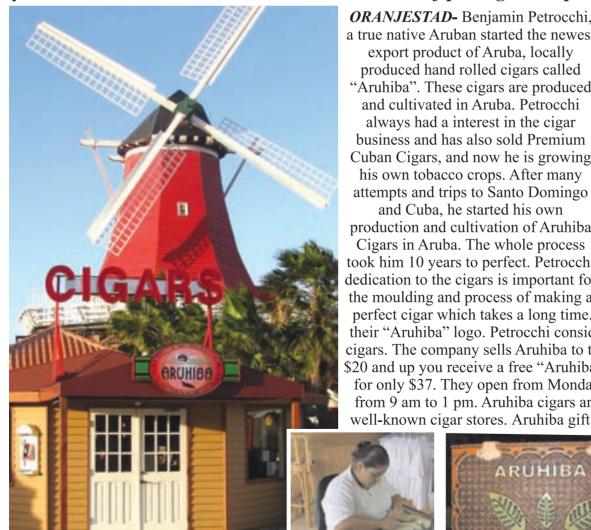
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# welcome baby boy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's a boy for Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez.

A representative for the 47-year-old actress confirms that the couple welcomed their son on Saturday. Publicist Meredith O'Sullivan Wasson offered no other details.

E! News reports Berry delivered the baby at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles.

This is the second child for Berry. She has a 5-year-old daughter with her ex-boyfriend, Gabriel Aubry. The two settled their custody battle over the child in

This is the first child for Mar-



In this Nov. 17, 2010 file photo, actress Halle Berry attends a special screening of "Frankie & Alice" in New York. It's a boy for Halle Berry and Olivier **Associated Press** Martinez.

tinez. The French actor and Berry married in July.

# Halle Berry, Martinez Chili Peppers, Neil Young to perform for charity



This April 14, 2013 photo, Anthony Kiedis of The Red Hot Chili Peppers performs at the 2013 Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif.

**Associated Press** SILVERLAKE, Calif. (AP) -Neil Young will perform at

Sean Penn sponsors five

Haitians for NYC marathon

a benefit for the Silverlake Conservatory of Music that Red Hot Chili Peppers' Flea and Anthony Kiedis will

organization nounced Friday that the event will take place Oct. 30 in Silverlake, Calif. Red Hot Chili Peppers will also perform.

Flea founded the Silverlake Conservatory of Music in 2001. It facilitates music education and offers music lessons and scholarships.

The RHCP bassist says in a statement that he's "grateful" for all the help given to the organization. He adds that Young performing at the event "is the greatest blessing."

A silent auction will take place and will feature donations from Marc Jacobs. Tony Hawk, Pearl Jam, Gucci and others, and artwork donated by the likes of Gus Van Sant, Shepard Fairey and Justin Bua.

# Miley Cyrus rules 'SNL' as host and musical guest

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Miley Cyrus cautioned viewers she wouldn't be twerking on "Saturday Night Live." But she commanded the stage on this week's edition of the NBC sketch comedy show, serving as both host and musical guest.

And she did some shimmying as an over-sexed Congresswoman Michele

Bachmann in a parody video about the government shutdown.

Cyrus seized attention and criticism in August for her sexually charged MTV Video Music Awards performance, which featured the singer in scanty garb while exhibiting suggestive twerking gyrations.

During Saturday's open,

Cyrus made sport of the hubbub surrounding her racy display. She joked that she used to think twerking was cool, but changed her mind now that white people are doing it.

Besides participating in several sketches, she performed two songs.

Her album, "Bangerz," is out on Tuesday.

Sean Penn attends the New York Film Festival premiere of "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 in New York.

**Associated Press** 

JOHN CARUCCI **Associated Press** 

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Sean Penn is ecstatic that his relief organization will sponsor runners from Haiti to participate in the New York City Marathon next month.

"We've got five Haitian runners, 10 runners total, running for the team representing Haiti and our organization J/P HRO coming to the New York City Marathon — the marathon. So we're really looking forward to it," Penn said.

The 53-year old actor, who spoke to the Associated Press on Saturday night, expressed satisfaction that the organization continues to rebuild Haiti with its medical, relocation, structural and community development programs —but also that it brings hope to the island nation. "It's rewarding. I just came back from Portau-Prince, where I visited our Haitian marathon runners, and to see that great discipline that Haitians have and that great spirit and the excitement that they have visiting New York for the first time." Penn started the J/P Health Relief Organization after a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake ripped through Haiti in January 2010, killing more than 100,000. They set up camps for displaced residents and facilitated medical clinics. It continues to save lives and brings sustainable programs to benefit the nation. Penn acts as CEO and Chairman of the Board for the organization.



This Oct. 5, 2013 photo released by NBC shows Miley Cyrus hosting the comedy sketch series "Saturday Night Live," in New York. Associated Press



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# Congress Breaks, Bad



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As the government shutdown dragged on, gloom mounted. James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, warned that foreign intelligence services might swoop in and recruit furloughed CIA workers. That seemed a little paranoid, but then we're talking about spies.

The CIA-doom scenario sounded a bit like the problems facing the cast of "Homeland" this season, except for the part where a member of Congress is a terrorist mole who falls in love with an intelligence agent who frequently fails to take her bipolar disorder medication. Reality in Washington has gotten so muddled that the land in "Homeland" is looking sort of attractive.

On Wednesday, House Republicans pushed to refund bits and pieces of the government that the members particularly like, such as veterans and the National Guard. Also anything that lends itself to a dramatic press conference, such as national parks and cancer treatment for children. Since the House proposals are never going anywhere in the Senate, there's a limit to what you want to know about what went on during the debate. Let's summarize:

Democrats: "Meaningless political theater!"

Republicans: "Come to the table!" Coming to the table has now replaced strangling Obamacare as the most popular GOP war cry. There is a long-standing political rule that when all else fails, you demand more talking. If you're running for office against a guy who's got 70 percent in the polls, it's time to call for a debate. If you're already having four debates, it's time to call for six.

"Why don't we sit down and have a conference committee about how we're going to fund the federal government?" demanded Rep. Ander Crenshaw of Florida. Republicans have posed this question a lot, and it would be an excellent one if they were not the same folks who have spent the last half-year refusing to sit down and have a conference committee about the federal budget.

"Even Bill Clinton, after I voted to impeach him, would work with you to get things done," said Rep. John Mica of Florida. That seemed like a high bar. But then there's nobody Republicans love more than the former president, who has a winning way

of not being Barack Obama. If only Clinton would come back! Then none of this would have happened, except the shutting down the government part.

So here we are. The Senate has passed a bill to keep the government running until Nov. 15. A majority in the House would probably go along, but the House leadership won't let the bill come up for a vote. The fate of the nation now appears to be hinged on a couple of dozen unhinged House Republicans who are demanding that government funding be coupled with Obamacare axing.

Public-spirited citizens are now forced to become acquainted with a whole new collection of characters who seem to be running the show, like Rep. Raúl Labrador of Idaho. Actually, he is the easiest one to remember, since he once considered running for governor against the current incumbent, Butch Otter. I think I speak for us all when I say that Labrador versus Otter would have made 2014 worth waiting for. Nobody else has that thrilling a résumé. When a small number of legislators hold the balance of power, they almost always turn out to be terrible. No matter what party is in charge, when the leaders need just a handful of votes, it's going to come down to Crazy Fred and Juliawho's-about-to-be-indicted.

This time, the cast includes Louie Gohmert of Texas, who blamed the mass shooting at a movie theater in Colorado on "the ongoing attacks on Judeo-Christian beliefs." And Steve King of lowa, who you may remember as the guy who claimed that the children of illegal immigrants have "calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert." And Michele Bachmann (you've met her).

Perhaps you also recall the exciting time that Gohmert, King and Bachmann had in Egypt on a recent fact-finding tour during which Bachmann appeared to get the Muslim Brotherhood mixed up with al-Qaida and Gohmert compared the current general-in-charge, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, to George Washington.

And so we go. Lots to look forward to. Mark your calendars:

Oct. 17 - Debt Ceiling Crashthrough! Government runs out of money to pay its creditors. Also the birthday of Dutch darts champion Jelle Klaasen and International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

Nov. 15 - Government runs out of funding! This is presuming it ever gets its funding back. Also, republic proclamation day in Brazil. And then, you know, it's the holidays.

Maybe by then, Congress will achieve the goal it's been shooting for all year and get its favorability into negative numbers. As it is, the ratings for the final episode of "Breaking Bad" suggest that Americans would already prefer to spend time with a murderous methamphetamine dealer than the House of Representatives.



# Bibi's Tired Iranian Lines

ROGER COHEN

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Never has it been more difficult for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel to convince the world that, as he put it in 2006: "It's 1938. Iran is Germany." He tried again at the United Nations this week. In a speech that strained for effect, he likened Iran to a 20th-century "radical regime" of "awesome power." That would be the Third Reich.

Among those who question this approach is David Harris, the executive director of the American Jewish Committee. Referring to the new Iranian president, Hasan Rouhani, he wrote in the Israeli daily Haaretz that, "Simply implying, for instance, that anyone who sits down with Rouhani is a modern-day Neville Chamberlain or Édouard Daladier won't do the trick. To the contrary, it will only give offense and alienate."

When Netanyahu's staunchest supporters - the leaders of the American Jewish community - question his approach to Iran, the Israeli prime minister needs to stop calling Rouhani "a wolf in sheep's clothing," his favored epithet, and start worrying about crying wolf.

It is not just that the world has now heard from Netanyahu of the imminent danger of a nuclear-armed Iran for a very long time. It is not just that Israel has set countless "red lines" that proved permeable.

It is not just that the Islamic Republic has been an island of stability compared to its neighbors Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan. It is not just that, as Rouhani's election shows, Iran is no Nazi-like totalitarian state with a single authority but an authoritarian regime subject to liberalizing and repressive waves.

No, Netanyahu's credibility issue is rooted in the distorted priorities evident in a speech that

was Iran-heavy and Palestine-lite. The real challenge to Israel as a Jewish and democratic nation is the failure to achieve a two-state peace with the Palestinians and the prolongation of a West Bank occupation that leaves Israel overseeing millions of disenfranchised Palestinians. A recent Pew Research Center survey found that only 17 percent of American Jews think that the continued building of West Bank settlements is helpful to Israel's security.

Iran has long been an effective distraction from the core dilemma of the Jewish state: Palestine. But global impatience with this diversionary strategy is running high.

Iran has much to answer for. Rouhani's "Iran poses absolutely no threat to the world or the region" is a preposterous statement. It has hidden aspects of its enrichment program. It has taken American and Israeli lives and attacked U.S. interests, through the Revolutionary Guards, Hezbollah and other arms of its security apparatus. It has placed odious Israel hatred and America-as-Satan at the core of its revolutionary idealogy. President Barack Obama is right to demand transparent, verifiable action for any deal.

What Iran has not done is make a bomb or even, in the view of Western intelligence services, decide to do so. Rouhani's call for "time-bound" negotiations on a nuclear deal should therefore garner full Western engagement without Israel acting as a spoiler.

It is not in Israel's interest to be a spoiler. Limited, highly monitored Iranian enrichment - accepted in principle by Obama but rejected by Netanyahu - is a far better outcome for Israel than going to war with Tehran. But, of course, any deal with Iran would also have to involve a change in the Iranian-Amer-

ican relationship. Israel does not believe that is in its interest, hence some of the bluster.

Netanyahu should cut the bluster and shift focus, instead, to Israeli-Palestinian talks. In the past, he has been able to turn to Congress and leading American Jewish groups for support when he felt isolated. During Obama's first term, when tensions were high between the two leaders, he got 29 standing ovations in Congress. But today Harris' questioning of Israel's approach is not the only sign of shifts.

It was striking that the Obama administration sent Vice President Joe Biden to address the growing J Street organization, which is pro-Israel but not uncritical of Israel, at its annual conference in Washington this week. It is also striking that Louis Susman, who is close to Secretary of State John Kerry and was the U.S. ambassador to Britain, has joined the J Street board. I am told he may soon be joined on the board by Samuel Kaplan, the former U.S. ambassador to Morocco.

Harris has agreed to debate Jeremy Ben-Ami, the executive director of J Street, in New York later this year.

In the past, leaders of major Jewish organizations tended to shun J Street, as has the powerful American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

What all this means is that if Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations get close to a tipping point in the coming months, there will, for the first time, be an organized, well-funded American Jewish constituency committed to a two-state outcome trying to push Netanyahu over the line, rather than comfort him in rejection.

That is significant. Netanyahu should adjust to changed circumstances rather than rehearse tired Iranian tropes.

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#### At Palm Beach Plaza Mall:

# Aruba's Majestic Carnival Season Comes To Life!



PALM BEACH - Palm Beach Plaza Mall new majestic carnival season has started at Aruba's largest mall. The Aruba Carnival is a thrilling show of over-the-top pageantry, produced by thousands and delighting and uniting the entire country. Here's the scoop on how it began.

Carnival was born in 1954, as a series of small street festivals. The Tivoli Club, Aruba's oldest private social club, was the first to have a pre-Lenten celebration in Oranjestad in February 1944. The Allied victory of World War II was commemorated by an Aruba Festival - a large parade in San Nicolas comprised largely of Caribbean-English immigrants who came to Aruba to work at the Lago Oil Refinery. The first steel and brass bands debuted a few years later and small parades sprout-









ed here and there. Today Palm Beach Plaza Mall will have a great Carnival Show where you can experience for yourself the taste of Aruba's Carnival culture with the opportunity to take pictures

with the majestic carnival dancers with carnival costumes. Come and enjoy the show!

